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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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10 RODALFO B. JACOBS,
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12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 MERCK & COMPANY, INC., et al.,
15 Defendants.

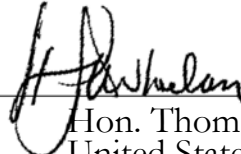
CASE NO: 07-CV-1195 W (LSP)

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION TO STAY CASE**

16 On July 31, 2007, the parties filed a joint motion to stay proceedings pending the
17 Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation's ("JPMDL") decision on whether to transfer this
18 case to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, which is
19 handling the Multidistrict Litigation case, In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation, MDL
20 No. 1657. Good cause appearing, the Court **GRANTS** the motion. This case is
21 **STAYED** pending a final determination from the JPMDL on the transfer issue. Merck
22 shall immediately notify the Court when this issue has been resolved.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**
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25 DATED: August 14, 2007
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28 Hon. Thomas J. Whelan
United States District Judge

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